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Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
Group Art Unit 2863, Expedited Procedure

PATENT APPLICATION



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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

SHOZO HATTORI, et al.

Application No.: 09/543,331

Filed: April 5, 2000

For: INK ABSORBENT, INK
TANK, INK CARTRIDGE,
METHOD FOR
MANUFACTURING INK
ABSORBENT, AND METHOD
FOR MANUFACTURING INK
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